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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - MESSAGE TO NEW ZEALAND
FOREIGN MINISTER TALBOYS (S/S NO.7610636)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN PEKING PROVIDED US WITH FULL TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THESE TRANSCRIPTS GAVE US A BETTER FEEL FOR THE VIEWS OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN PEKING. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, BOTH FOR THE TRANSCRIPTS THEMSELVES AND FOR MULDOON'S FORCEFUL ADVOCACY OF VIEWPOINTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHICH WE SHARE WITH THE NEW ZEALANDERS. PARAGRAPH 2 IS A DRAFT MESSAGE FROM YOU TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHICH WE PROPOSE TO TRANSMIT THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN WELLINGTON.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE HONORABLE BRIAN EDWARD TALBOYS
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WELLINGTON

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE VERY FULL
ACCOUNTS WHICH YOUR EMBASSY IN PEKING MADE AVAILABLE TO
US OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO
TSE-TUNG AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THESE REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE
PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY, WERE VERY HELPFUL IN GIVING US
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VIEWS OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP
THAT HAS EMERGED IN PEKING SINCE PREMIER CHOU'S DEATH IN
JANUARY.

I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S FORCEFUL AND
SKILLFUL ADVOCACY DURING THOSE TALKS OF VIEWS WHICH WE
SHARE ON THE WORLD SITUATION. IN PARTICULAR, THE
EMPHASIS HE PLACED ON OUR SHARED DETERMINATION TO
COUNTER SOVIET EXPANSIONISM SHOULD HELP TO OFFSET SOME OF
THE UNHELPFUL DISTORTIONS IN THE WAY PEKING VIEWS THE
INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR THESE VALUABLE REPORTS AND LOOK FORWARD
TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

BEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER
END TEXT

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE TRANSMITTAL OF THE MESSAGE.
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4. CLEARANCE: S/P - MR. LORD. DRAFTED: EA/PRCM:PSMITH

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